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Pittsburg Unified School District is Bringing Active Shooter Response Training to Pittsburg

Pittsburg, CA January - Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) and the ALICE Training Institute have teamed up to bring ALICE Instructor Certification Training to Pittsburg, California, on January 16 and 17, 2019. The course will be held at the Pittsburg Adult Education Center, located at 1151 Stoneman Avenue in Pittsburg.

This two-day Instructor Certification course is designed to teach proactive option-based strategies to increase survivability in a violent critical incident. The ALICE strategies empower individuals to participate in their own survival in the gap between when a violent situation begins and when law enforcement arrives.

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate and is a valuable strategy for everyone: law enforcement, schools, universities, hospitals, businesses, and places of worship. Completing the ALICE Certification Instructor course provides individuals with certification in ALICE proactive strategies and allows them the opportunity to bring those same strategies back to their organization. Additionally, registrants will gain access to exclusive ALICE resources.

"Pittsburg Unified School District works very closely with the Pittsburg Police Department and we are fortunate to have five School Resource Officers on our school sites," said Janet Schulze, Superintendent, Pittsburg Unified School District. "We started the initial training last year and decided to bring ALICE to get the best training for our staff. Experiencing an active shooter situation is something we hope we never have to face, but we want to be as prepared as possible."

During the 2017/2018 school year, PUSD sent two people to ALICE training and gave an initial overview of the program at its school sites. The District is now taking the next step in rolling out a training plan at all of its 14 school sites. ALICE is a response designed to empower all PUSD staff members with the skills and knowledge to respond when shots are fired until public safety arrives. The 2-day training is one component of the District's commitment to ensure safe schools in Pittsburg. Following the 2-day training, the District will roll out a training program where employees and Pittsburg Police Officers certified by ALICE will help train staff members at each school site in Pittsburg. Once ALICE training for the staff is completed, the District will implement its plan to conduct school drills. The District will hold informational sessions for parents and will notify parents in advance



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of any drills. The District is also working with social-emotional experts to insure it communicates the purpose to the students and supports any questions they may have well in advance of any drills.

ALICE is aligned with recommendations from Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Education, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and many State government agencies.

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About Pittsburg Unified School District

Awarded the College Board's Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll award in 2016 for expanding access to college, [Pittsburg Unified School District](#) (PUSD) is one of 130 school districts across the nation recognized for creating opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students. PUSD is a K-12 district serving the community of Pittsburg, California. Founded in 1933, the school system is committed to providing an excellent opportunity for all students to learn. Comprised of eight elementary schools, three junior high schools, one comprehensive high school, one alternative education high school, an adult school, independent study options, and a preschool program, the school district serves more than 11,500 students. PUSD is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, fifty minutes outside of downtown San Francisco.

About ALICE Training Institute

ALICE training is the original options-based response program that is designed to replace an inadequate lockdown-only response plan. ALICE addresses the fallacies of a one-size-fits-all response plan by explaining the truths and realities of Violent Critical Incidents. The reality is that extremely tragic outcomes in these events can be mitigated. They are very much survivable. Through training and empowerment, citizens can apply the ALICE proactive strategies and improve chances of survival in any environment where they may find themselves confronted by an active shooter or violent intruder. ALICE strategies are now also mirrored and recommended by many Federal and State official guidelines. For More Information about ALICE Training Institute Contact us at press@alicetraining.com.

